

## Mary Washington Democrats Host Admiral Zumwalt

by Susan Ramsey

Virginia candidate for the Senate, Bud Zumwalt, spoke last Monday, October 18 in the Day Student Lounge of Ann Carter Lee Hall.

The short, unassuming retired admiral with the outstanding eyebrows received applause as he entered the crowded room.

Zumwalt gave a brief campaign speech and then opened the floor for questions, of which there were quite a few.

Zumwalt's speech started with informal comments: "I look at problems, having reached the age of 55, as a grandfather."

Zumwalt went on to mention a few of the problems he felt were most pressing to our nation. One of the needs he felt should be met was the achievement of "a balance between the external and internal affairs" of our country. On the subject of military affairs he stated, "adequate military strength must consist of providing enough technical assistance and know-how. It is important to be constantly aware of the fact that we must spend so much to maintain the external 'insurance policy'."

Zumwalt also stated that "because of the 'disinformation' and the Nixon-Ford-Kissinger foreign policy, the American people are unaware that we have lost the capability to be a strategic nuclear deterrent. We must regain this capability." As an example of "disinformation" from previous

administrations, he cited the fact that the Soviets have violated the Anti-Ballistic Treaty and the Interim Executive Agreement.

Zumwalt was explicit about his views on domestic policy. "The single most important failing at present, was the failing of Congress to come to grips with the major energy crisis."

Zumwalt expressed his dismay that our country is "being forced to pay the quintupled prices the OPEC Nations demand." He felt the U.S. must free itself from what he described as "the hostage condition of our oil supply." His alternatives to the OPEC Oil situation were to reduce rate of consumption and to explore other avenues such as installing solar energy systems in homes and buildings, increasing the rate of production of offshore and Alaskan oil, and increasing research in exotic fuels such as wind and geothermal energy.

During the question and answer period, Zumwalt presented his views on the following topics:

**ERA**  
"I am for the ERA."

**Abortion and the National Health Program**  
"If it is the national decision to permit abortions, you must include it in the National Health Program, otherwise it would be discriminatory — the rich could have them and the poor could not."

### Unemployment

"The unemployment problem is linked with the inflation problem and energy problem — they are a trilogy as far as I'm concerned. President Carter has a planned program which will increase jobs in the country, beginning January, 1977."

### Education

"At present, Virginia has one of the poorest educational programs. The (Senator) Byrd Machine has been afraid to educate, afraid to integrate and afraid to legislate."

### Future Resources

"Learning to live in and under the seas and using the seas is one of the great future hopes for the U.S."

Zumwalt expressed the need for "power in the White House and the Senate to do the dog hard political work." If elected, Zumwalt claimed he would "seek to become a member of the Budget Committee of the Senate, as it is the most powerful committee, because it is where priorities are chosen." He plans to use the two-party system, rather than the one-party system which he claims is Senator Byrd's style.

When asked about his reaction to Senator Byrd's comment that Zumwalt would be double-dipping, that is receiving retired admiral's pay and receiving pay for service in a federal office simultaneously, Zumwalt replied, that in this case, his normal retired salary will be cut in half, and his overall salary will be cut in half.



WEARING HIS 1976 CAMPAIGN STICKER, BUD ZUMWALT discusses the issues of education and unemployment with interested Mary Washington College Students.

photo by Bill Leachly

### News Briefs

## MWC Freshmen Elect Class Officers;

## MWC Juniors Receive Academic Honors

The officers for the Class of 1980 are President Mike O'Hanlan, Vice-President Carolyn McGraw, Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl McKay, Publicity Chairman Eileen McCormick, Jurietal Representatives Patty Golish and Diane Lewis and Honor Representatives Terry Moynihan and Lisa Nichols.

### Fitschen Scholar

Beverly Jo Haney has been named the recipient of the Ann Elizabeth Fitschen Award for the outstanding senior in political science. Haney is majoring in political science and economics. She is a member of Phi Gamma Mu, a national honorary social sciences society. The Fitschen Award, which was named in memory of a 1975 graduate of the College, had been presented for the first time last year at graduation.

### Seniors Plan Graduation

Orders for graduation announcements and invitations will be taken in Ball Hall Parlor from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 2.

The senior class is presently at a standstill with its efforts to secure a speaker for graduation. The prices personalities such as Barbara Jordan, Art Buchwald and Ben Bradlee charge makes it impossible for Mary Washington College seniors to host them as speakers. Katherine Graham was contacted by the officers of the senior class. However, she no longer makes public appearances unless they are for the direct benefit of the Washington Post.

Currently, several alumnae are being considered as speakers. These alumnae include Eloise Elizabeth Clark, a director of the National Science Foundation; Hildi Park Cohen, producer of the Emmy Awards; Attorney General of Massachusetts Eileen Belford and Judy Gatlin, director of career advising at Queens College.

Other speakers suggested by the senior class are Betty Ford, Ethel Kennedy, Pearl Bailey, Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee and Gary Trudeau.

Many seniors would like to see the graduation ceremony begin earlier than the traditional time of 6 p.m. Some students would like to see it moved to 4 p.m.; whereas, others would like to have the ceremony in the morning around 10 a.m. President Prince Woodard has stressed that any feasible changes that the class wants will be made.

Two-hundredth Night has been approved and is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight in Scooback Basement. There will be no admission charge for the beer served. I.D.'s must be presented at the door. This party will be for members of the Class of 1977 only. No guests are invited.

### Riding Award

Nancy Quaintance has been presented the first Jeannine M. Pfeifle Award for the sophomore who had shown the most improvement in riding since her freshman year. Quaintance, in addition to her academic work, is studying riding under MWC riding instructor Susan Simpson. The Pfeifle Award was established this year at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Pfeifle of Fairfax, Virginia, parents of a rising sophomore who died over the summer.

### Equal Rights

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## Robinson Stresses Youth Voting Power

by Peggy McLaneron

On Thursday, October 14, despite a small turnout, Congressman J. Kenneth Robinson was warmly welcomed to the campus of Mary Washington College. The Congressman who has finished his third term in the House of Representatives, is running for re-election in Virginia's Seventh Congressional District. Robinson holds the distinction of being the only Virginian on the powerful House Appropriation Committee.

The atmosphere of the visit was fairly casual. Robinson's opening remarks were brief yet pointed. He feels strongly that political activism is important in this bicentennial year.

"The leaders of tomorrow will best lead if they are acquainted with the issues. Our system of government is the best devised, but active participation is needed to maintain its strength," Robinson feels active participation is the job of student groups like the Young Republicans.

On the issue of a balanced budget, the Congressman says that reaching a balance would not be impossible. It would require "the willingness of the national constituency to do without many things often felt as necessities." He said the Republican Party plans a budget that will increase government spending 100 billion dollars; whereas, the Democrats plan to increase spending 200 billion dollars, which is 50 per cent of the national budget at the present time.

"It would be impractical to think that you can balance the budget while you increase the government spending," remarked Robinson.

Robinson feels that the biggest failure of the Ninety-fourth Congress was in the field of energy. Under Robinson's plan two things must be done. First of all, incentives must be provided for the compliance by the private sector of our economy to provide risk capital for the

investing in other sources of energy.

"We must be made self-sufficient from Arab oil," said Robinson.

Secondly, Americans should invest and encourage alternate sources of energy — nuclear, solar and thermal. With these actions Americans will see "price rises for products derived from oil, but not nearly as high as they would be if another oil embargo was imposed by the Arabs."

According to Robinson, the federal government has no business dealing with abortion. He supports an amendment to return the decision to the states. Public opinion varies so greatly that one national law is not satisfactory. He does feel that government money should not be used to pay for abortions.

In closing, Robinson again praised the efforts of the Young Republicans and expressed "a renewed perspective for hope in the future."

### Intermediate Scholastic Honors

The Intermediate Honors certificates, which are awarded annually to juniors who have accumulated a 3.75 or better grade point average on the College's 4.0 scale, were recently presented to: dance and Latin major Martha Fuller, biology major Deborah Ann Holloway, biology and psychology major Karen V. Jones, chemistry and math major Joanna Markussen, math and physics major Patricia Phillips, biology and psychology major Ann Plough, classical civilization major Margaret Pomfrey, psychology major Linda Sue Smith, medical technology major Valerie Stinson, and Latin and music major Kay Trent.

Three of the recipients, Martha Fuller, Joanna Markussen and Kay Trent, are already Regional Scholars of the College.

## Up With People Arouses Emotions

by Susi Ramsey

The Up With People Concert took place Thursday, October 14 at James Monroe High Auditorium. The cast of eighty-six young people, clothed in bright color-coordinated costumes, sang, swayed and gyrated about the stage to a choreography full of enough vitality to have left Jack La Lanne blushing in the sidelines.

A repertoire of songs in a wide variety of styles, ranging from rock to Big Band Era music to country tunes were played one after another. The entire show was so full of emotion and talent that many songs were given standing ovations by the large audience.

Up With People headquarters are located in Tucson, Arizona. Each year the new members go there for intensive training before being assigned to one of the casts' traveling and entertaining audiences all over the world. This year there are five such casts, and each one is making the most of its bookings and living arrangements while still on the road, usually staying with "host families" along the way. According to cast member Dave Aigner, "Our motto is to be flexible."

Each member of the group was chosen out of an overwhelming number of ap-

plicants. Each member paid a \$1,000.00 tuition fee to join the group, although there were partial or total scholarships available to some members and awarded on the basis of need.

After their year is over, approximately 10 percent of the cast members are retained as staff members for the upcoming year, making the turnover rate about 90 percent.

Being a non-profit organization, the money from sales of tickets, records and programs goes back into the group itself to keep it going. No cast member makes money.

Up With People often receives grants from large organizations and businesses, such as the Lion's Club and Chamber of Commerce. This year Panasonic Corporation has sponsored the group to do state fairs.

Because of its wide variety of song styles, the group performs before all types of audiences. Up With People has performed at State hospitals, prisons, orphanages, senior-citizens' homes and at half-time shows for football games.

On October 25 the cast will be leaving for a four month stay in Europe. They will spend the first two months performing in Belgium, and the remaining

two months will be spent touring Ireland, Germany, Denmark and England. The group is hoping that within two years Up With People will be allowed inside of Russia to perform.

The group will be playing to much larger crowds in Europe. According to cast member Dave Aigner, "Up With People has been more well-known in Europe than it has been in the U.S. until recently. We've done a lot of shows in Europe. They ask us to come back, and they really love us over there."

Aigner continued, "I guess you could call us good will ambassadors. We travel around and get people together to communicate. Music is our medium."

### Spanish Play

A. Casanova's play "Historia Del Mancho Que Caso Con Muser Brusa" will be performed Monday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Klein Theater. This play was directed by Aniano Pena.

### Hamlet Lecture

There will be a Visiting Scholars Lecture on the topic of "Hamlet: A New Reading" next Monday, November 1 at 4:30 p.m. in Klein Theater. The speaker, Dr. Ciriacio Moron-Arroyo, is from Cornell University.



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LEAPING AND CHEERING, Up With People celebrates the joys of brotherhood, youth and the entertainment business.

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## Off Our Case

A reciprocal relationship must be continually maintained between the media and their informed readership. The campus community must analyze and utilize their newspaper with the same degree of sensitivity with which the staff considers the needs for current ideas and issues relevant to our campus life.

The *Bullet* represents this campus. There is an equal opportunity for every member of the campus to give themselves a voice by contributing letters to the editorial page. Since space often limits the number of letters printed per issue, it is desirable to select for print those letters which are most indicative of the wide variety of interests and opinions about campus. As over-representation of a single interest group would result in a one-sided paper, we avoid printing a proportionally larger volume of contributions from one interest group over another. It is our aim to objectively achieve a balance of opinions, which incidentally, are not necessarily the opinions of the Editorial Board itself.

It is a constant challenge for the staff to present a wider range and more accurate coverage of topics, in an open and objective manner.

Intelligent, helpful suggestions are always well-received and seriously discussed. SFR

## Seacobeck — Is It Up To You?

by Debbie L. Jordan  
Chairman, Senate Ad Hoc Dining Hall Advisory Committee  
Do you have complaints about Seacobeck's food or operation? Have the meals gone down hill? Where can one direct complaints or suggestions concerning these matters? The Ad Hoc Dining Hall Advisory Committee has been re-established by the Student Association and our operation revolves around comments made by the student body. As last year, this committee is comprised of five students and three administrators. Meetings are held approximately two times per month to discuss possible improvements for the dining hall.

Last December a poll was distributed to the student body in order to obtain various opinions of Seacobeck's operation. What is your favorite meal? Least favorite? Do you have suggestions for meals not presently served? These questions were among those asked on the dining hall poll. The students' response was very valuable and the committee considered

all comments. It wasn't long before "mystery meat" was taken from the menu, fresh fruit was added at lunch, hot chocolate became available at breakfast and peanut butter and jelly were placed on the salad bar at lunch. These changes are only a few of the improvements which Seacobeck saw last spring.

There seems to be a common feeling that the operation of the dining hall has not maintained the quality which was brought forth last semester. How can we improve it? The dining hall committee will soon be distributing another poll, but don't wait if you have suggestions. Speak out. Let us know what you think about Seacobeck and how we can improve it.

The members of the Dining Hall Advisory Committee are Chairman Debbie Jordan, Dean of Student Services Juanita Clement, Business Manager Claude T. Parcell, Seacobeck Food Director Pal Robinson, Susan Dahl, Kevin Havens, Kimberly Strange and Bev Wilson.

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## Your Campus Government Faculty-Student Disputes

Information from Drucilla Davis

### Academic Affairs Chairman

At its regular meeting on May 17, 1976, the faculties approved that in matters of dispute between a faculty member and a student, an Academic Review Board would review these matters according to the following procedures:

There will be a distribution of representation among the members of the Board. Three student representatives, six faculty representatives and the Dean of the College shall constitute the Board.

The members of the 1976-77 Academic Review Board are Dean James Croushore, Dr. Samuel Emory, Dr. Susan Hanna, Dr. Sidney Mitchell, Dr. Paul Slayton, Dr. Richard Warner, Dr. Benjamin Zimarsky, Nina Biggar, Nancy Lackey and Ron Napier.

The Board deals with matters of classroom attendance and performance, grading practices, tests, papers and assignments beyond reasonable deadlines, unavailability or unwillingness of professor to provide assistance outside of class and teachers' insensitivity to reasonable suggestions and problems brought by a student.

A student having a grievance must approach the faculty member and/or departmental chairman or report the grievance to the departmental representative, who approaches the departmental chairman and/or the faculty member. If the grievance is taken beyond the department, the chairman must be fully informed in writing of the nature of the grievance.

If a grievance is not satisfactorily concluded at the departmental level, it shall be presented in writing to the Office of the Dean. The Dean, acting chairman of the Academic Review Board, shall within one week or receipt of a written complaint contact one student and two faculty members. The Board on a rotating basis to act as conciliators between the students and the professor involved in the dispute. The conciliation team will report its success or failure to the Dean within two weeks of receiving the complaint. At his own discretion or at the written request of the conciliation team, the Dean shall convene the Academic Review Board to hear the grievance.

The Board shall consider the evidence and the complaint. In the event that the board finds probable cause for the complaint, it shall follow the following procedure:

The Board shall notify both parties in writing of the precise nature of the complaint and of the time and place of the hearing. Both parties have the right to present evidence and to be represented by counsel. Both parties shall be present when all testimony is given. Board sessions are closed to all persons not directly involved. If a faculty member refuses to cooperate with the Board, the President and the Dean shall be notified. If it appears that a faculty member is deliberately false charge has been filed, the Honor Council shall be notified.

At the hearing, the student shall present the grievance, the evidence and supporting testimony. Then, the faculty member shall present the defense. Either party or counsel shall be allowed to question his own or his opposition's witnesses. Any member of the Board may question any witness.

Further third-party vote shall be necessary to find the faculty member guilty. A complete record of the hearing shall be kept. In judgments going against the faculty member, the hearing records shall be filed with the Office of Personnel and shall be closed to all except the parties to the hearing. The records shall be destroyed in the event of multiple charges, each shall be treated separately.

The Board has the power to recommend in favor of the faculty member or dismiss the case at any time. The Board may rule in favor of the student, in which case it may recommend that the offending professor be placed in the personnel folder of the faculty member as part of the permanent record, that corrective action be taken by the Dean, or the teacher's dismissal, non-

renewal of appointment or the withholding of the teacher's promotion take place.

The President shall be notified at once of all decisions of the Board. Minority reports shall be included in such notification. All Board decisions may be appealed to the President. All decisions of the Board are advisory to the Dean and to the President.

## Choreography Demonstration

The "Problems In Choreography" class will present a brief showing of their student works Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dance Studio in Goolrick. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Letters

## Sleepy Puppy Gives Classics Bad Publicity

Dear Editor:

I would like to express frustration over the Snoopy graphic which introduces the Classics section in the current course evaluation booklet. In its classical role of herald, everyone's favorite pooch (pace Pluto — that is, the canine Pluto) is shown asleep on the job. But in the neighboring section, Dance, he has quite awakened and is frisking about in high spirits.

The representation of Snoopy as harbinger of Classics is, I feel, bad publicity because there alone in the booklet his pulse is feeble. The pulse of Classics definitely is not. Plato does say that a dog will become corrupt in the hands of a bad trainer; he also says that if people pay attention they might learn something.

One could also say that the drawing of the "classical" Snoopy is as unimaginative as many of the evaluations that appear in the booklet. Zzzzz!

Sincerely,  
Department of Classics

## Invitation To Dr. Johnson

Dear Editor:

With regard to Professor Johnson's letter of September 27, NORML advocates the removal of prison sentences for possession of marijuana. You advocate the removal of all legal restrictions on the manufacture, sale and use of all drugs—a system under which anyone old enough to walk could go into the corner store and purchase heroin, LSD, cocaine or any other drug. The readers of *The Bullet* are perfectly capable of deciding for themselves which of our positions is the "irrational" one. The adjective "irrational" is a term which has lost touch with reality; or, as Funk and Wagnalls puts it, "a person . . . not possessed of reason . . . contrary to reason."

And the present reality is that decriminalization is politically possible (primarily because of the relentless efforts of organizations like NORML and VSMU) whereas legalization of even marijuana — let alone heroin, acid or speed — is not. NORML, being a realistic political force rather than a wishy-washy armchair activist who sit around all day and argue the desirability of the impossible, realizes that it must work within the limits of the attainable. It is not to argue the merits of legalization of all drugs at the present time because the public simply would not accept such an extreme and radical change—even if such changes were desirable, which I am convinced is not.

Further, you make a completely false statement when you assert that "NORML's position on . . . other drugs is impossible because NORML is concerned with reforming the marijuana laws and simply has no 'position' on other drugs." The founder and current president of the organization, Keith Stroup, put it bluntly in an interview earlier this year. In response to the question "What is NORML's policy on co-

caine?" Stroup responded, "It doesn't have one . . . NORML doesn't deal with other drugs." Therefore, Professor Johnson, since the position does not exist, it can hardly be criticized as being "irrational" or "untenable." Please remember that our initials stand for the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws.

You criticize us for suggesting that under a policy of decriminalization, advertising which encourages the recreational use of drugs should not be permitted. I can't believe you are serious: even under such a policy marijuana would still be technically illegal and we do not allow other illicit commodities or services to be advertised in the commercial media. Or are you suggesting that thieves and rapists should be given equal time on Channel 77? It would certainly be consistent with your "logic" of freedom for all.

Another assertion you make which also stretches the limits of the imagination is your comparison of NORML's philosophy of prohibition of alcohol. Decriminalization would remove the criminal penalties for possession of a substance. Prohibition is the exact opposite: the application of the criminal sanction in the hopes of curtailing use of the substance. I see no comparison.

I thank you for your comments on my previous article and would like to take this opportunity to invite you to speak at one of our future meetings of the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws. I am certain that the group would be interested in your elaborating on your beliefs about drugs and the drug laws.

Michael Lello

## Lettered Immaturity

Dear Editor:

In response to Professor Thomas Johnson's criticism of Mike Mello's article dealing with the decriminalization of marijuana (*Bullet*, Sept. 27), I would like to make the following observations. First, I consider it immature and irresponsible for a lettered man to address himself publicly in ironic criticism of a student (nor is this the first instance of such writing in *The Bullet*). Could not Mr. Johnson have better spent his time in correspondence with professionals, writing articles for professional journals and consulting with his supposed peers? Would Mr. Johnson have been able to answer Mr. Mello were his concerns of a somewhat more dignified and scholarly nature?

Even so, Mr. Johnson sees none too clearly. He believes that NORML's desire to implement a public education program is inconsistent with its desire to oppose outright advertising of drugs. I would consider it a great service should NORML teach the public the dangers of the improper use of drugs. NORML does not really advocate the censorship of others; it merely seeks to deny the identification others would impose upon itself by taking a less radical position than the Libertarian Party. NORML does not wish to be identified with such groups as the Libertarians. The organization,

therefore, understands that less discriminating persons such as Tom Johnson will inevitably make such an identification, however craftily it be done.

Mr. Johnson writes that "perhaps sexual favors are the 'insignificant considerations' Mello suggests friends could exchange for marijuana. This is gross travesty! One is indeed sadden'd to see an educated man make such snickering, generalizing innuendoes. I myself have known marijuana users of austere sexual morality, and have seen no evidence that this drug contributes to sexual promiscuity."

I have no affiliation with NORML, and take no stand, public or private, concerning the use of marijuana. I do, however, feel that Dr. Johnson has exercised a potentially unfair advantage in responding so vigorously to concerned and active students. In this there is something abnormal.

Roger D. Scott

## Johnson's Jumping

Editor:

In his reply to Mike Mello's article on NORML, Dr. Johnson is perhaps jumping to conclusions concerning NORML's approach to marijuana legislation. It seems that innate in the fight for legal reform is the ultimate goal of legislation. However, NORML apparently feels that approaching the issue of marijuana legislation in such advanced terms and not as a step-by-step process more palatable to the public is not at this time feasible or practical.

Ivy Martin  
Lyn Laynor

## RA's Spirit

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Alvin Wilson's comments which appeared in the last issue of *The Bullet* (October 4, 1976). In his letter, Mr. Wilson expressed his dissatisfaction with the way that the Recreation Association intramurals were running.

The problem that the RA was encountering with intramurals stemmed from doing too much, and rather too much, on very short notice. The RA was told to start the intramural program as soon as school began. The first flag football game was played during the second week of classes. Soccer and volleyball began two weeks later, albeit on somewhat shaky legs, but with encouraging enthusiasm and intense competition on the players' parts.

Late afternoon classes and extracurricular meetings have taken their toll on intramural sports this year; therefore, the RA Council has voted to revamp this semester's intramural program. Volleyball, football and soccer are now open to all interested persons who show up on the playing fields on designated days. Students may refer to the Recreation Association Bulletin Board in Goolrick and ACL (next to the C-Shoppe), where are posted weekly intramural playing schedules, game results, intercollegiate sports updates and other activities under the domain of the RA.

I concur with Mr. Wilson on one point: that the teams should play more often each week. The new intramural schedule is as follows:  
Volleyball: Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
Football: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays  
Soccer: Mondays and Tuesdays

All games begin at 3:45 p.m. Mr. Wilson was specifically unhappy with the volleyball match on September 28. I regret the initial confusion which was due to the appearance of a number of people not scheduled to play that day.

Mr. Wilson being one of them. I decided at that point that I would allow as many people as possible to play, and proceeded to organize the teams evenly, or have them "sexually balanced," as Mr. Wilson put it. I am not a feminist, but even if I were I would not be so naive to believe that a virtually all-male team against a virtually all-female team would be a fair match. The extra people that could not play that day were certainly not unjustly "turned away" because of their sex, but because there was no more room on the court for them. And Mr. Wilson was incorrect in stating that two original team members did not get a chance to play.

One last point on the subject. There was only one volleyball at the September 28 game because the RA had a considerable amount of sports equipment disappear over the summer and had to borrow a volleyball from the intercollegiate team. Since then, the RA has replaced all its equipment, including volleyballs.

In closing, I would like to assure the student body that it has a fine group of RA representatives working for it this year. They are as enthusiastic about promoting all sports and recreational activities on campus as the players out on the fields. Their job is to exude that spirit, and they have every intention of making the RA an organization in which Mr. Wilson and the entire campus will be proud to participate.

Sincerely, Debbie Dawson  
Recreation Association

## RA's Injury

Dear Editor:

This letter is directed to Alvin Wilson, whose letter regarding the Recreation Association appeared in the October 4 issue of *The Bullet*.

If your mission was constructive criticism, you could not have gone about it more destructively. And if your mission was destructive criticism, — well — if you are ever able to organize anything, I hope all of us who make mistakes from time to time will have the maturity to kick you when you're down.

Van Aden  
VMI Cadet







-photo by Susan Haas

DAVID BAKER (LEFT), PORTRAYING RICHARD MILLER, TALKS about the facts of life with David Featherston (Father) in Mary Washington College's production of "Ah, Wilderness."

## "Direction, Set Design Make 'Ah, Wilderness!' Successful Production

by Laurie Fisher and Kathy Haffey

Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness" opened last Wednesday at Klein Theater under the direction of Dr. Roger Kenvin, despite the recent drama student boycott. This play was aptly chosen as the Drama and Dance Department's fall production because, among other reasons, the setting date of July 4, 1906 appropriately concurs with the end of our bicentennial year. Written in 1932, "Ah, Wilderness" deals with the efforts of an innocent adolescent boy's attempt to break away from the cocoon of childhood and enter into the sometimes harsh realities of an adult world.

Dr. Kenvin, who wrote and directed the play "Belvidera" last spring, managed to provide an entertaining evening for the audience. His creative addition of employing Rob Powell as a singer at the beginning and end of the play introduced and enhanced the young lead's feelings of melancholia. Jeffrey Hunter's scene design was adequate in providing easily accessible exits and entrances. The unobtrusive lighting design, effectively handled by Scott Sharer, was good especially in the hotel bar, where a "cheap" type of atmosphere was necessary.

As in all productions, the members of this cast had their strong and weak areas. David Baker, who played the part of young Richard Miller, accurately fit the description of a rebellious teen-ager and treated his character with sensitivity. However, Baker appeared to have problems with body mechanics in the first act. Fortunately, he overcame his stiffness at the onset of the second act and appeared to be completely into his part by the third act. His soliloquy was particularly impressive as were his scenes with Belle, the prostitute and Muriel, his girlfriend.

David Featherston, who has been in several other college productions, depicted the father, Nat Miller, a role which originally starred George M. Cohan. His interpretation of the role amused and delighted the audience throughout the duration of the show. Indeed, George M. would have been proud.

Other members of the Miller family were characterized by

Sindee Sours, who adequately portrayed the mother; Debi Hart, the daughter, and Ron Wilkins as the oldest son. Robert Spiller was convincing in his role of the youngest brother and deserves special mention for his ability to consistently keep in character. Neil Howard, an instructor of dramatic arts, added a spark of vitality to the program with his interpretation of Uncle Sid, an incorrigible yet lovable alcoholic. His boisterous antics were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Valinda Feather, who portrayed Aunt Lily, a romantically frustrated spinster, was consistent in her role. Her stage presence was not overbearing, for she used subtle physical expressions which enhanced her character. In her role of a prostitute,

Vicki Sprague was nothing short of excellent. Her convincing interaction with Richard added to the authenticity of the play. Diane Rothweiler as Muriel McComber also interacted well with Richard in her role of the young girlfriend.

Other characters which deserve special mention are Chip Straley as Wini Selby, and Sally Curtis as Nora. Although these were minor parts, the winsome interpretations added to the overall effectiveness of the show.

All in all, "Ah, Wilderness" proved to be a charming and enjoyable production. It is hoped that many students took the opportunity to see their fellow classmates on stage because their peers, admirable presentations should indeed be appreciated.

by Stephen Carter Jackson

Carter objected to the sale of 650 Maverick missiles to Saudi Arabia. After all, an Arab is an Arab. The Saudi Arabians have done a great deal to maintain peace in the Mid-East. They are more concerned with the growing military power of Iran than Israel with whom they have strong economic ties. Kissinger arranged this. His foreign policy deals have been strongly attacked by the Democrats this fall (he isn't getting any Christmas cards from the Republicans either). However, after January, if

Carter is elected, there are going to be quite a few late night calls to Super-K. Poor Kissinger, nobody likes him. Last week he got the flu and the Senate sent him a get-well card. The vote was 54 to 46. Plato wrote, "Life without criticism is not worth leading." If so, Henry has had a full life. Whatever happened to the Panama issue that the Republicans were yelling about during the primaries? They were advocating giving them a "taste of Big Nuke" for awhile. I even bought a color T.V. so I could watch the war. Senator Dole has been saying that the war in Viet-Nam was a

Democratic war. The war in Viet-Nam was supported by five American Presidents, two of them Republicans. He blamed World War Two on the Democrats. Hitler and Pearl Harbor contributed far more. He blamed the loss of Eastern Europe to the Russians as being a result of Democrats giving it away. In truth, the Russian Army took it. The only way to prevent it would have been for the U.S. to join sides with the Nazis. Not anyone with any sense could have made those statements, but Dole did. Which says something for a Senator from a state that gave Nixon 91 per cent of the vote

four years ago. It is a shame that the Republican Party must endure the shame of a man who modeled himself and was the leading defender of Nixon.

Carter has shortcomings as well as Ford but at least Carter has demonstrated the compassion that is needed to solve our nation's problems while Ford has lent himself to attack whatever solutions the Democrats have proposed. Progress means change. Change has enemies. Yet it is the shaping impulse of America that neither lies, nor vested interests shall prevail in the final analysis. The American people will not be fooled as they were in '68 and '72. Carter will be elected.

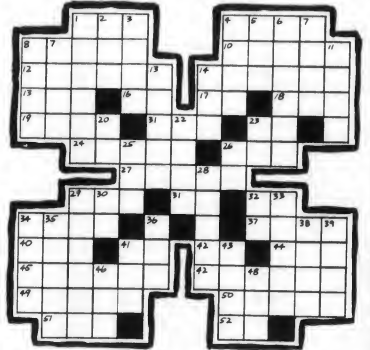
## Trick or Treat Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Author of "The Mystery of Marie Roget."
4. Elf in Kipling's *Rewards and Fairies*.
8. Fictitious detective in *The Maltese Falcon*.
10. Scot. Foretells.
12. First name of chief fictional character created by E. E. Queen.
14. Spinster sleuth in *Sleeping Murder*.
15. Air-to-air missile (abbreviated).
16. Archaic. You.
17. Function word indicating occurrence in, on, or near.
18. To make a choice.
19. Members of a group of American Indian tribes living in Utah and Colorado.
21. Fermented liquor.
23. Same as 17.
24. J.D. Sainger's *High the Roof Beam, Carpenters* (1963).
26. Pleistocene glacial epoch: age.
27. Creator of orchid-loving detective, Nero Wolfe.
29. Author of *Rosemary's Baby*: \_\_\_\_\_ Levin
31. Sunday school (abbreviated).
32. Having to do with optical art.
34. Handkerchief (abbreviated).
37. Billions of electron volts.
40. Office of Economic Opportunity (abbreviated).
41. Preposition. With reference to.
42. Rhesus factor.
44. Arm of the sea formed by a submerged valley.
45. Ghost who haunts Macbeth.

### Down

1. Pilgrim.
2. William Wordsworth's "\_\_\_\_\_": Intimations of Immortality."
3. Causing fear.
4. Scholastic aptitude test.
5. University of Puerto Rico (abbreviated).
6. Author of *In Cold Blood*.
7. Seaweeds.
8. Pail-shaped vessel belonging to a dinner service.
9. Chart; plan.
11. A son of Adam.
13. To ferment.
14. Hollywood sex symbol: \_\_\_\_\_ West.
20. Samarium (chemical element).
22. People born under the fifth sign of the zodiac.
23. Actinium (chemical element).
25. Isaiah (abbreviated).
26. Player in a game of tag.
28. Seize by force.
29. Icons.
30. Ancient Egyptian sun god.
32. Oboe (abbreviated).
33. First name of fictitious lawyer created by Erle Stanley Gardner.
34. Sprites.
35. Neil Simon's comedy "Murder by \_\_\_\_\_"
36. Latin: deus, dative singular.



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